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SIR,

AMONG all the Prejudices which Mankind form, there is one which deserves Consideration, as it makes Persons attribute the Effects among one another as the Judgment of Heaven. There are, I say, such rash Interpretations made by some People on the unsuccessful Fortune of others, as discover a barbarous uncharitable Spirit.

It must be acknowledg'd, that among all Ranks of People, from the *Crown* to the *Last*, there will be Interpreters of the Will and Design of Heaven; however unsearchable, however past finding out, yet will they pry into Futurity to tell what will be the Fate of such and such Families, and for what Iniquities Misery is destin'd, from Generation to Generation: They assign the Motives of the all-wise Dispensations of the Almighty just as their own Weakness and Malevolence dictate.

In plain Words, this is ascribing Passions to the Deity conformable to Human Nature; and by this they make *him love* whom *they love*, and *hate* whom they *hate*; so they satisfy their Affections and Whimsies by a Fiat from Divine Authority, making God the Author of every Mischief which they themselves commit.——But there are People of a more rational and charitable Temper, and animated by a contrary Spirit.

From this mistaken impious Temper it proceeds; that when Calamities and Disasters happen to others, especially those who differ from us, and we like not, Men call them *Judgments*, and say the *Hand of God* is *against them*.——What more uncertain, to judge? what more barbarous, to denounce?

On the contrary, should the same, or like Evils, befal themselves or Family, the Style takes another Turn; it is then only a temporary worldly Trial, and *Whom God loveth he chastneth*: Or if they are Judgments, they are for the Iniquities of their Forefathers.

To give Instances of this prejudiced Interpretation, of the Secrets of Providence in private, may be very easy; but the best Illustration is from the most publick Facts and Occurrences.

While the *Moors* inhabited *Spain*, the *Spaniards* had been under various Misfortunes, from War, Famine, &c. but whether they were beaten by the Enemy, or from the elemental Effects of Nature, the Priests all to a Man aver'd, these were Divine Judgments on the People for not driving away the Idolatrous *Moors* from *Spain*. This brought on a greater Evil; they destroy'd and banish'd a numerous industrious People, who would have taught them Commerce, and not suffer'd them to indulge themselves in that haughty indolent Pride, which they have ever since felt the Effect of.

The Case has been the same between the *Christians* and the *Pagans*, the *Mahometans* and the *Tribe* of *Hali*, and even *Christians* and *Christians*. When the *Huns* sack'd *Rome*, the *Romans* lay'd all their Calamities on the *Christians*. They said the *Christians* despis'd their *Gods*; therefore, their *Gods*, in Opposition to the *Christians*, afflicted the World with Desolation:—— Accordingly, Plagues, Wars, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, which were common Evils from the Beginning of it, and will to the End, were deem'd so many *Judgments*, occasion'd by the poor *Christians*. From this Opinion began Persecution, Inflicting Penalties, and all Barbarities, 'till the *Christians* learnt the same Doctrine, and made Reprisals on the *Heathens*. In neither was Truth, Equity or Mercy; and I am sorry to say, that even in Parties of Religion, there are still the Remains of the *Old Leaven*.

In plain and just Terms we are bid, *not to judge lest we be judged*; this should convince us, that *Judgment* is only in the Hand of *Heaven*; and what presumptuous daring Wretch would arrest it from thence? To apply the Effects of Providence to worldly Accidents, is uncertain, uncharitable, and generally impious; we should act more like good and wise Creatures, to follow the Dictates of Charity, which wisheth all Things, and hopeth all Things to have a *happy Event*.

There is one Error which too many Persons imbibe, and from which they draw wrong Instances; that is to judge that the *worldly Good* or *Evil* which happen to Mankind, are certain Marks of the *Approbation* or *Displeasure* of the *Almighty Being*: But in this there is no Truth; for the *Almighty* makes the *Sun to shine upon the Just and the Unjust*: Good Fortune and Calamity are the Portions of the Good and the Bad; and if there is any Inequality, the *Wicked*, indeed, seem to have the Advantage.

The richest Empires of the World are possess'd by *Heathens*, and three Parts of the Globe are rul'd by *Pagans*: In *Europe*, the *Roman Catholicks* exceed the *Protestants*, and have greater and better Countries: Wicked and debauch'd Men often thrive best in the World. When, therefore, it is evident that the *Ways of God are past finding out*; that Human Events in Life are perplex'd and inextricable; that some *rise* by *Vertue*, others by *Vice*; that Men by growing greater, grow not better, and poorer without growing worse: When they see Thousands and Thousands of Men, Women and Children, suffering the Miseries and Desolations of War, (who could do nothing to occasion it) when they see others enjoying all the Happiness of Domestic Peace; when these Observations are made, what Person would infer that the People in the Seat of War were not as innocent, as virtuous, and as good, as those whom Providence has not afflicted with such Calamities? Wise and honest Men, observing such Uncertainty and Confusion, will find sufficient Reason not to make bold with *Heaven*, and giving the Name of *a Judgment* to any Event or Calamity that may befal their *Fellow Creatures*.

Ill-minded, malicious Spirits, possess'd with *Bigotry*, have gone great Lengths in denouncing *Judgments*, and will make the *Supreme Being* the Author of the most shocking Ills: Nay, some have glory'd, that *they themselves* have been the *elect Agents* to execute the *Judgments* of *God*.

When *Clement*, the *Dominican* Fryar, had murder'd *Henry* the Third of *France*, the Deputy of the famous *French* League told the *Pope*, in an Audience upon that Occasion, That the Assassin was *chose* by *God*, and was divinely inspir'd to murder his *Prince*; and the bloody *Monk* was, till now, recorded as a Saint. Thus the League murder'd their Sovereign, and said, It was *God's Judgment* upon him for introducing *Heresy* into his Kingdom.

Now see what Opinion the adverse Party, the *Hugonots*, form'd of his fatal Death: They made a *Judgment* of his Death on their Side the Question, and said, God made his Death a *Judgment* for his Breach of Faith to *them*. They went farther, and alledg'd the Stroke of *Heaven* was prov'd against him, as he was *assassinated* in the very Chamber where he had consulted and consented to the bloody *Massacre* of St. *Bartholomew*, on the same *Day* and same *Hour*.

On both Sides they were equally Zealous of their *Opinions*; and *Judgments* are set against *Judgments*: But both are irreconcilable, and shew how far *Reason's* makes weak People interpret the *Effects* of a *Divine Will*.

I shall conclude with one well-known Instance of the *various* Interpretations People will give on the same *Incident*.

The Death of *Oliver Cromwell* was attended by a very *high Wind*, which in itself is not *extraordinary* nor *extraordinary*: But as he was an *Usurper*, and hated by a great Body of People, all the *Vulgar*, and many *affected wise-ones*, said the *Storm* was a *Judgment*, which declar'd the Wrath of *Heaven* against him, and that the *Devil* fetch'd his *Soul* away in a *Whirlwind*.

His Friends, and those of the *greatest Genius* of that Age, gave other Sentiments on the High-Wind. *Dr. Sprat*, *Dryden*, and *Mr. Waller*, made it a Mark of *Divine Favour* of letting Nature be convuls'd at the Loss of so *great a Man*.

Mr. *Waller* has, on this Occasion, some of the finest Lines in the *English* Language, which I shall quote.

We must resign: Heaven *his great Soul doth claim*
In Storms as loud as his immortal Fame:
His dying Groans, his last Breath, *shakes our Isle*;
And Trees uncut fall for his Funeral Pile.
New Rome *in such a Tempest lost her King*,
And from Obeying *fell to* Worshiping.
Nature *herself took Notice of his Death*,
And, fighting, *swell'd the Sea with such a Breath*,
That to remotest Shores her Billows roll'd,
Th' approaching Fate of their great Ruler told.

Now as to the Opinion, whether the *Devil* fetch'd away this *Hero*, or, whether he was consign'd to *Heaven* in a *Whirlwind* instead of a *Fiery Chariot*, I leave the nice, philosophical and historical Critics to decide. In the mean Time

I am yours, &c.

PHILALETHES.

The Letter sign'd Nonsense *is receiv'd, and the Author intends to make proper Use of the Hints.*

The Letter of a Voyage to Legborn is foreign to the Design of this Paper.

The Ode on the Welsh Spring shall be inserted.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Inspruck, May 9. This Day an Estaffette arriv'd from Kufstein, with Advice that the Garrison of Auerberg had made a terrible Fire on our Army, that a Body of Troops, which they judg'd to be about 6000 strong, coming up to the Enemy's Rear, cut Pandour's immediately retir'd and left a few Pieces of Cannon; but hearing that that Corps did not exceed 3000 Men, they intrench'd themselves on the

Road, and made so dreadful a Fire on the Enemy, that they put them to Flight, with considerable Loss. After this they made the Garrison of Afterberg Prisoners of War, which consisted of 750 regular Troops, besides the Peasants and Huntsmen. All the Houses wherein the Enemy had posted themselves to fire upon our Men, have been burnt down to the Ground.

Prague, May 22. The Queen receiv'd Yesterday a Courier from the Army in Bavaria, who brought Advice that Prince Charles had detach'd Baron Berenclau to make himself Master of the Town of Dingelsingen. As this was of the greatest Consequence to the French, they had taken care to fortify it as well as the Situation would permit. They had in it 6000 Men, and had thrown up Entrenchments at the End of every Street. The General summon'd it, and on the Refusal of the French to surrender, he caus'd several Haubitzers to play upon them for some Time. By this Means we set some of the Houses, which are all built of Wood, on Fire; and as soon as this was perceiv'd, the Grenadiers and Croats clapp'd their Scaling Ladders to the Walls, and mounting, enter'd the Town Sword in Hand. The French defended themselves for some Time with great Obstinacy, but falling at last into Confusion, they endeavour'd to gain their Bridge, in order to pass the Iser, and retir'd towards the Gross of the Army. In this precipitate Retreat they had 700 Men kill'd, and as many drown'd. Before they withdrew they set fire to their Bridge. Before the Action was over, two thirds of the Town was burnt down, and the rest was plunder'd, in order to engage the other Places in Bavaria not to suffer the French to make any Resistance. This Day arriv'd another Courier with the News that after the taking of Dingelsingen, Prince Charles march'd to Landau, with an Intent to have besieg'd it, but the French spar'd them the Trouble; and that the Inhabitants might gain nothing by so speedy a Surrender, they set the Town on Fire themselves.

Brussels, May 28. They write from Francfort, of the 24th Instant, that the Day before the Prince de la Tour-Taxis receiv'd an Express from a Gentleman, whom he lately sent into Bavaria with Dispatches from the Dyet of the Empire, who writes to him from Donawert, of the 20th Instant, that upon his Arrival there he spoke with a French Officer belonging to the Corps under the Prince de Conti, who told him that Prince Charles of Lorrain came up with them the 19th; that of 6000 Men, of which that Corps consisted, very few escap'd; and that he himself was one of those who ow'd their Lives to a light Pair of Heels.

Stockholm, May 5. Count Tessin, Senator, who was Marshal of the Dyet in 1737, and afterwards Embassador Extraordinary to the French Court, deliver'd, a few Days since, the following Memorial to the King.

'SIRE,

'YOUR Majesty may easily recal to mind what 'has been alledg'd of late in divers Pieces, both 'in Print and in Manuscript, as if there were Men 'to be found, among the Ministers of your Majesty, 'and those of the Kingdom, whom private Interest, 'Ambition, and Devotion to a Foreign Power, had 'blinded to such a Degree, as to make them forget 'their Duty, their Oaths, and the Dictates of their 'own Conscience.

'However advantageous it might have been to 'me not to cease offering my feeble Counsels to your 'Majesty, I was oblig'd to dispense with it during 'the three Years that I took care of the Interests of 'this Kingdom at the Court of France. When I re'turn'd home your Majesty did me the Favour to 'put me in the Number of the Members that com'pose your Ministry: I must then be absolutely in'sensible, if I did not feel myself affected by the Im'putations contain'd in those Writings; Imputa'tions which are indeed indirect, but which are not 'less odious nor less afflicting to any one that is con'scious of his Innocence.

'Therefore I take the Liberty to ask a Favour of 'your Majesty and the States of the Kingdom; a 'Favour of which I shall preserve a most grateful 'Remembrance as long as I live: That is, to give 'me Leave to resign my Employments, that they 'may be put into more fortunate Hands. My Reso'lution is grounded on the strongest Motives; no 'inward Reproach obliges me to take it; I do it of 'my own Accord, and appeal for the Uprightness of 'my Intentions to every Swede, before the Tribunal 'of the great God, and before your Majesty.

'But, Sire, at the same Time that I beseech your 'Majesty to grant me this Favour, I beg another, 'which is, to cause my Conduct and my Actions to 'be strictly enquir'd into: The Name I bear, the 'Family I descend from, allow of no Demur on a 'Case of this Importance.

'Be it permitted me, this very Day, to lay down 'my Dignity of Senator at your Majesty's Feet, but 'yet without pretending to be thereby screen'd from 'Justice; since, if it be found that I ever ceas'd an 'Instant to behave as became a faithful Subject, I 'am ready to wash out such a Stain with my Blood.

'For these twenty-five Years past that I have 'serv'd your Majesty and the Kingdom, I have had 'the Honour to be employ'd in divers important 'Affairs, wherein the Knowledge I acquir'd of the 'Interest of my Country was not useless to me. My 'Principles were always the same; a Thirst after 'Riches never had any Sway over me; and a good 'Name, the sole Object of an honest Man's Desires, 'was what I constantly sought to deserve, and I 'hope have really deserv'd of my Countrymen.

'If my Services, however, deserve any Reward, 'the only one I ask is, that I may be allow'd, under 'the Protection of the Almighty God, to go and 'pass away on my Estate the rest of my Days, al'ready shorten'd by Age and Cares; to the End that, 'being restor'd to myself, and fortified by my Expe'rience, which has taught me how little we ought 'to prise the transient Advantages and Favour of 'this World, I may the better prepare for Eter'nity.

'I have nothing more to say, but to assure your 'Majesty of my Wishes, that the Almighty may 'heap Blessings on you to the End of your Reign, 'prosper the Kingdom, and render it happy, and 'infuse into the People a Spirit of Union and Con'cord, the only Means whereby they can be sup'ported. These are the Sentiments of, &c.'

Stockholm, May 17. It is said that Baron Rose, Senator and General, who was appointed to command the Army, will not be employ'd this Campaign, the King having resolv'd to put himself at the Head of the Troops in case the War continues; and that his Majesty wants General Hamilton to command under him.

The Order of the Burghers sent a few Days ago a Deputation to the Noblesse and Clergy, to declare to them, that if they delay'd any longer to fix a Day for the Election of a Successor to the Crown, they would join the Order of the Peasants: The Answer of the Noblesse and the Clergy is not yet made publick; but it is thought the Election will come on immediately after the Return of a Courier from Abo.

Hamburg, May 24. Letters from Stockholm, of 17th Instant, say, that the States of the Kingdom have resolv'd to make Use of their Influence to prevail with Count Tessin not to lay down his Posts; and that, on the 14th, a Courier arriv'd from Finland, with Advice that Commodore Falkengreen had sunk several Russian Vessels, on board of which there was a considerable Sum of Money for paying the Russian Troops.

Advices from Petersbourg, of the 8th Instant, inform us, that on the 5th a grand Conference was held, at which all the Ministers and Generals were present, and which lasted from Four in the Afternoon till Midnight; that two Days after part of the Infantry, lately arriv'd from Moscow, was put on board the Gallies; that the Cavalry was marching by Land to Finland, and that the Veldt-Marshal Lacy was to embark the 11th or 12th in order to take upon him the Command of the Army, and prepare every Thing for a Descent upon Sweden.

Hanover, May 24. The eight Battalions of Hanoverian Troops that are to go and reinforce the Army under the Earl of Stair, began to march out of their Quarters the 22d Instant. It is said that no Day will be fix'd for his Majesty's Departure until we hear that his Equipages are arriv'd in the Army. This Morning the Court receiv'd a Courier, by the Way of Nuremberg, charg'd with Dispatches about the speediest and most effectual Means to agree upon a provisional Suspension of Arms between the Emperor and the Queen of Hungary.

Ratisbon, May 24. This Morning we receiv'd Advice, that the Veldt Marshal Count Seckendorff's Army arriv'd, the 19th Instant, at Mosbourg, near Landshut, in order to join there Marshal Broglio's Army; and that the Austrians left off bombarding Braunau on the 20th, after leaving a Body of Troops at Simpach to keep the Place block'd up on this Side of the Inn.

Spires, May 23. The Army under the Command of Marshal Noailles consists of 87 Battalions and 141 Squadrons, making above 60,000 Men.

Schaffhousen, May 23. We hear from Piedmont, that a Body of 800 Miquelets, detach'd from the Spanish Army in Savoy, have attempted to force a Passage near Mount Cenis, but were defeated by the Piedmonteze Militia posted there.

Francfort, May 26. The Earl of Stair has charg'd all the Officers of his Army, that come into the City, to avoid all manner of Altercation or Dispute with the Officers, or other Persons belonging to the Emperor's Houshold: Upon the same Account his Excellency would not affect to have any publick Rejoicings in his Camp at Hochst for the Victory gain'd by the Austrians over General Minuzzi.——Perhaps it would have been all the same if the French had been beat.

Hague, May 30 The 20,000 Men destin'd for the Service of the Queen of Hungary, are to assemble forthwith, and form a Camp between Namure and Maestricht; how they are to be employ'd afterwards Time alone must inform us.

From the Paris A-la-main, May 29.

We are assur'd that Marshal Noailles is actually passing the Necker, and that the Allies are passing the Main.

IRELAND.

Dublin, May 14. On Wednesday last died, at his Lodgings in Rose-Lane, Mr. Richard Brereton, Deputy Serjeant at Arms of the Court of Exchequer, and for many Years an eminent Agent in Appeals from this Kingdom before the Parliament of Great Britain.

Yesterday Morning died, in the 64th Year of his Age, Capt. John Warburton, who behav'd himself with great Honour and Bravery in Queen Anne's Wars in Flanders; and was so remarkable for his great Humanity and Sweetness of Temper, that he was never known to be in a Passion, or to speak an ill Word to any human Creature.

Dublin, May 17. Last Saturday died, at his House in Caple-Street, Sir John St. Legar, Bart. lately second Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, but resign'd on Account of his great Age.

The same Day died in an advanced Age, at his Lodgings in Back-Lane, the Rev. Mr. John Salkfield, Chaplain to Major General Blakeney's Regiment, which Place he had enjoy'd 42 Years.

Last Friday Evening died, aged upwards of 90, Mr. John Bertrand, Sen. an eminent Merchant, and a Man of a fair Character.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, May 16. Some Days ago died here the Right Rev. Bishop Rattery, a Gentleman of a good Character.

Friday last came on the Election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Linlithgow, when the Hon. Charles Hope-Weir, of Craigie-Hall, Brother to the Earl of Hoptoun, was chosen.

Last Week died at Putachy, the Seat of the Right Hon. Lord Forbes, the Honourable Sir William Forbes, Bart. Advocate: He was Professor of Law in the University of Aberdeen, Lawyer for the Town, and Collector of the Cess for that County.

COUNTRY NEWS.

York, May 7. Last Week died the Rev. Mr. Elsley, Rector of Ryther in this County, Prebendary of St. Peter's, York, and of the Collegiate Church of Ripon.

Reading, May 19. About six Weeks ago a Soldier in Fleming's Regiment, quarter'd in this Town, deserted into Lincolnshire, where he fell into Company with a Man and robb'd him of about five Guineas and his Silver Shoe Buckles, after which he made

der'd him and threw his Body into a Well; some time after that, the Soldier was taken up for Defertion and brought hither. A Boy in Lincolnſhire, who kept Sheep, loſt a Lamb, and dreamt it was in the abovementionꝰd Well, for which he was laugh'd at; but dreaming again to the ſame Purpoſe he was determin'd to look there, where he found the murder'd Man; the Shoe Buckles were known, and the Perſon that had them prov'd the buying of them of the Soldier, whereupon Warrants were iſſued out for apprehending him, and this Morning he was taken up in the Forbury and committed to the Town Gaol, where he immediately hang'd himſelf.

LONDON.

'Tis believ'd the French will make their chief Effort againſt the *Britiſh, Hanoverian, Heſſian*, &c. ally'd Army, and the *Rhine* will be the Seat of War, ——*which they like better now than if it had been near* Dunkirk —— a Year ago.

They write from the Hague, that his Britannick Majeſty will ſet out from Hanover for the Army on the 1d of June, N. S.

The French King has reſolv'd to put the Scheme of augmenting the Militia, by obliging Livery Servants to draw Lots, immediately in Execution.

Twelve Ships of the Line will in a few Days rendezvous at Spithead, viz. two of 90 Guns, three of 80, four of 60, and three of 50, under the Command of Sir John Norris.

A great many heavy Carriages are already made at the Tower, and will in a few Days be ſh pp'd for the Service of the Army in Flanders.

Tueſday the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, nominated Hezekiah Walker, Eſq; of Dowgate-Hill, Citizen and Plummer, as a fit and able Perſon to ſerve the Office of Sheriff for the Year enſuing.

A few Days ago Dr. Smith, an eminent Phyſician in Southampton-Row, Bloomſbury, was married to Miſs Taylor, Daughter of Mr. Taylor, formerly a Bookſeller in Pater-noſter Row, an agreeable young Lady with 12,000 l. Fortune.

On Saturday laſt the Rev. Mr. Murdin, Lecturer of St. Mary Hill, was marry'd to Miſs Harriet Manley of Cary-Street, an agreeable young Lady, with a handſome Fortune.

Monday was married, at St. George's Church, Hanover-Square, Mr. Luton, a wealthy Haberdaſher in Bond-Street, to Mrs. Simpſon, Widow of Mr. Simpſon, a wealthy Tobacconiſt near Soho, an agreeable Gentlewoman, with a Fortune of 5000 l.

Laſt Week died at Elmhurſt, near Litchfield in Staffordſhire, Sir Theophilus Biddulph, Bart. who married Cary, Daughter of Sir Charles Lyttleton, of Frankley in Worceſterſhire, Bart. by whom he had no Iſſue, ſo that his Title and Eſtate is deſcended to his Couſin, now Sir Theophilus Biddulph, of Birbury in the County of Warwick, Bart.

Laſt Week died at Manchester in Lancaſhire, Mr. Haywood, reckon'd the moſt conſiderable Leatherſeller and Glover in that County, who had acquir'd a conſiderable Fortune with a fair Character.

A few Days ſince died, at his Seat at Amwell, near Ware in Hertfordſhire, the Rev. Mr. Burford, Senior Fellow of King's College, Cambridge.

Laſt Week died, at Tedbury in Glouceſterſhire, Mr. Fenner, an eminent Wine-Merchant in the Hay-Market, St. James's, ſaid to have died worth upwards of 30,000 l.

Laſt Week died, at his Houſe in Tooley-Street, Southwark, Mr. Titchborne, an eminent and wealthy Confectioner. He was a Grandſon to the late Robert Titchborne, Eſq; Alderman, and one of the Members of Parliament for this City in 1653, and Lord Mayor in 1657.

Yeſterday fe'nnight died, at his Lodgings at Chelſea, aged 51 Years, Mr. Edward Godfrey, formerly a Surgeon of great Practice in Stretton's Grounds, Weſtminſter; but having acquir'd a handſome Fortune, he retir'd from Buſineſs ſome Time ſince.

Laſt Saturday died the Lady Jane Scott, Daughter to his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh.

The ſame Day was buried at Padington, from his Houſe in Belton-Street, Mr. John Rollus, Chief Engraver of Signets, Seals, Stamps and Arms to his Majeſty; which Office he enjoy'd near twenty Years with Reputation and Credit.

Laſt Sunday died at his Houſe at Whitehall, in an advanc'd Age, after a long Indiſpoſition, Thomas Archer, Eſq; Groom Porter, and one of the Comptrollers of the Cuſtoms at Newcaſtle: He was poſſeſs'd of a very great Eſtate, and has given above 100,000 l. to his youngeſt Nephew, Henry Archer, Eſq; of the Temple, Member of Parliament for the Borough of Warwick; it's ſaid he is to be ſucceeded in the Office of Groom Porter by the Hon. Charles Fitzroy, Eſq; Member of Parliamen. for Thetford.

Monday died, at Newington in Surrey, where he went laſt Week for the Benefit of the Air, Mr. Peirce, an eminent and wealthy Hop-Factor in Tooley-Street, reputed worth 10,000 l.

Laſt Monday died at his Seat near Eaſt-Grinſtead in Suſſex, Geo. Bloxham, Eſq; a Gentleman poſſeſſed of a great Eſtate; his Death is lamented by all that knew him, more eſpecially by the Poor, to whom he was a conſtant and generous Benefactor.

Tueſday Morning died, at his Houſe at Knightſbridge, Mr. Head, formerly an eminent and wealthy Woollen-draper in the Strand, repu ed worth 10000 l.

The Rev. Mr. Shipley, Rector of Silcheſter in Hampſhire, is made a Prebendary of Winchester, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Ayres, deceas'd.

A Diſpenſation has paſs'd the Great Seal to enable William Clark, M. A. to hold the Rectory of Buxted in the County of Suſſex, together with the Vicarage of Salehurſt in the ſaid County.

As has another to enable Fiefield Allen, D. D. to hold the Rectory of the united Pariſhes of St. Anne Aldersgate and St. John Zachary in this City, together with the Rectory of Geiſton in the County of Hertford.

Monday a Meſſenger arriv'd in Town from Oundle in Northamptonſhire, with the Account that the Highlanders who deſerted were ſurrounded in a Wood near that Place, by General Wade's Horſe, and ſeveral Companies of Foot, and that they deſir'd to ſurrender to Lieutenant-Colonel Otway, of General Wade's Regiment, upon certain Conditions, which were ſent to the Lords Juſtices, who met at the Cockpit on that Occaſion; and at their Riſing a Meſſenger was ſent down to Oundle with their Excellencies Reſolutions, upon whoſe Arrival they threw down their Arms and ſurrender'd.

We hear that the Lord John Murray will be appointed Colonel of the Regiment of Scotch Highlanders, in the room of the Lord Semple, who, as we are inform'd, will have one of the vacant Regiments.

Yeſterday fe'nnight came on to be try'd, before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Juſtice Lee, in the Court of King's Bench at Weſtminſter, a very remarkable Trial againſt one Thomas Mitchell, of Newport-Alley, near Newport-Market, (who had been a Sailor in the Service of the Crown during all the late Wars) for ſelling Fiſh in a publick and fix'd Shop, in the ſaid Alley, he not being a Fiſhmonger, contrary to an Act made in the 10th and 11th Years of his late Majeſty King William the Third; but it appearing, in the Courſe of the Evidence, that the Defendant had exerciſed the Buſineſs for upwards of twenty Years, the Court was of Opinion he was a Fiſhmonger to all Intents and Purpoſes, and had a Right to keep a Shop, and therefore was acquitted of the Indictment.

On Saturday laſt, in the Afternoon, Mr. Dixon, a Cutler in Church-Lane, Whitechapel, having ſome Words with his Wife, offer'd to ſtrike her, to avoid which ſhe ran down Stairs, and he after her; but miſſing his Step he fell down, by which Accident he diſlocated his Neck and died on the Spot.

Saturday laſt a conſiderable Seizure was made at Lambeth, by Meſſrs. Goodwin and King, of five Tun of Tobacco-Stalks, and convey'd to the Cuſtom-houſe; it is remarkable that the Stalks were brought up to Lambeth in a Waggon, and put on board a Lighter. The Seizure is valu'd at 150 l.

The ſame Day a Barge, laden with Timber, ſunk in going through the Draw-Lock, by running againſt the Starlings, by which Accident the Bargeman and a Boy were drown'd.

Laſt Saturday Night an unparallel'd Piece of Villany and Barbarity was tranſacted in an Alley near St. George's Church, Southwark: One Williams, a Baker, being in Liquor, was ſeduced into a Houſe of ill Fame (kept by James Day) by a Lady of Pleaſure, who perſuaded him to go to Bed; but awaking in the Morning about One o'Clock he found his Money, had been taken out of his Breeches Pocket; the Woman pretending ſhe knew nothing of the Matter, he loudly demanded it of the Landlord, whereupon he ran up Stairs, pull'd the poor Fellow out of Bed, and flung him naked into the Street, where he lay, in a moſt deplorable Manner, 'till the Watchmen came their Rounds, with his Collar Bone broke, his Skull fractur'd, and one of his Thighs and both his Legs broke; when a Conſtable being ſent for they forced open the Door, ſeiz'd Day and the Woman, and ſecur'd them in Bridewell: On Monday they were carry'd before Juſtice Hammond, and by him committed to the New Gaol.

Laſt Saturday John Head and Francis Painter, were committed to Newgate, by Richard Ruſſel, Eſq; for ſtealing two Cows the Property of Sir Henry Parker; two Cows the Property of Thomas Inwood, Eſq; two Heifers the Property of John Harvey; and one Heifer the Property of William Crew, from off Enfield-Chace, a few Days ſince.

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Laſt Monday Night, between Nine and Ten, Mr. Laurance, an Attorney near Hyde-Park Corner, was attack'd by two Foot-pads on Conſtitution-Hill, who robb'd him of his Watch and nine Guineas in Money, and then made off.

Yeſterday fe'nnight the Seſſions ended at the Old Baily, when William Brown, for picking the Pocket of Robert Tracy, Eſq; of a Handkerchief, receiv'd Sentence of Death. At the Time this Priſoner was apprehended, a great Number of Pickpockers got together in order to reſcue him; and Mr. Mytton, who keeps the Shakeſpear's Head Tavern in the Piazza, Covent-Garden, was very much wounded, and had his Windows broke by them.

Gabriel Beaugrand and Lewis Bruner were try'd for the Murder of Lewis Leiger, (Cook to Commodore Anſon) the former was found guilty of Manſlaughter, and the latter acquitted.

By Letters from Jamaica, dated March 2, we have Advice, that the Kent Man of War has taken a Spaniſh Ship richly laden off the Havanna, and carried her into Jamaica.

His Majeſty's Ship the Oxford has taken four Prizes, and carry'd them into Gibraltar.

The Shark Sloop has taken a Settee, bound from Liſbon for Cadiz, and carry'd her into Liſbon.

The Joſeph, Eaves, bound from London to Leghorn, was taken in the Streights Mouth and carry'd into Algezira; but the Maſter, with his Ship's Company, quitted her in time, and got on board a Dutch Ship. The Spaniards had ſeveral Row-Boats, and other Privateers, cruizing in the Gut, who had carried ſeveral Prizes into Old Gibraltar and Algezira.

Extract of a Letter from Antigua, dated April 1.

'By Letters from Capt. John Oſborne, of Lieutenant General Dalzell's Regiment, from on board 'the Burford, at Curacoa, to our Governor, General 'Mathews, we have the following Account: That 'on the 19th of February, about One in the Afternoon, Commodore Knowles's Squadron attack'd 'the Forts at La Guerra; but that a great Swell 'prevented their going nearer than within a Mile of 'the Forts. About Five o'Clock the Burford, 'having receiv'd 19 Shot in her Hull, one in her 'Bowſprit, one in her Main-Yard and one in her 'Rudder, moſtly 42 Pounders, and her Commander, 'Capt. Francklin Luſhington, being ſtruck on the 'Thigh with a Cannon Ball, ſhe was forced to ſlip, 'which the Commodore obſerving made a Signal for 'the Norwich, Capt. Gregory, to ſlip and aſſiſt her, 'which ſhe accordingly did and they both went for 'Curacoa, where Capt. Luſhington was landed and 'died in about half an Hour afterwards, greatly regretted by every body that knew him, being a bold 'and intrepid Commander, and of a tender human 'Diſpoſition to thoſe under him. The Norwich is 'very much damag'd, has ſeveral of her Men kill'd 'and wounded; among the latter is Capt. Gregory.

The Affiſtance, Capt. Smith Callace, and the Eltham, Capt. Edward Smith, arriv'd at Curaçoa both very much damag'd, the latter of whom had 70 of her Crew kill'd and wounded; among the Wounded is Capt. Smith himſelf, but not dangerouſly. 'Tis ſaid the Burford will be three Weeks refitting, but that the others will be ready to ſail in three Days. The Commodore, with one Ship of 50 Guns, one of 40, two of 20, and the Bombs, ſtill continue the Siege.

We have flying News this Morning, that La Guerra has ſurrender'd; but we doubt it, for the Place is made very ſtrong ſince the War; and they had Advice of this ſecret Expedition from Old Spain ſix Weeks before the Fleet arriv'd.

A Spaniſh Privateer has landed at St. Kitt's and carried off 32 Negroes belonging to Lieutenant General Fleming.'

They write from Antigua, that there are ſeveral Spaniſh Privateers cruizing about the Leeward Iſlands, which have taken 7 Sail of Ships bound from North America for the Weſt Indies, and carry'd them into

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Spaniſh Privateer has cut out of Barbuda a fine new Bermudas Sloop, belonging to Mr. Groſvenor of Antigua.

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